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(C) The Charge d'Affaires delivered ref A demarche to MFA Acting Undersecretary Ambassador Khaled Al-Babtain during a meeting on June 11. Al-Babtain said that the U.S. and Kuwait were "in the same boat and share the same fears" on Iran, and that Kuwaiti officials had clearly communicated these concerns to the Iranians as well as other to officials from other countries, like Russia and China. He noted, however, that many members of the non-aligned movement (NAM) remained concerned that pressure on Iran to abandon portions of its nuclear program was not balanced by equal pressure on Israel.

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